



Minutes of the Arlington Planning Commission / Design Review Board Meeting

Council Chambers
110 East Third Street
March 3, 2015

Commissioners Present: Bruce Angell, Mike Thomas, Craig Chase, Ken Levesque and Trevor Gaskin.

Commissioners Absent: Vicki Hadley and Tony La Salata.

Staff Present: Chris Young – Community & Economic Development Director, Marc Hayes – Permit Center Manager, Troy Davis – Associate Planner, Marilyn Oertle – City Councilwoman, and Amy Rusko – Commission Secretary

Commission Chair Angell called the discussion to order at 7:02 p.m.

Visitors: There were no visitors at this meeting who wished to speak on items not on the agenda.

Also known to be present: Vernon Beach, Margie Beach and Mike Hopson

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Levesque seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Gaskin seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Alliance for Housing Affordability. This is a discussion regarding the city's participation in the regional Alliance for Housing Affordability and its relation to our comprehensive planning.

Director Chris Young presented background on the Alliance for Housing Affordability and how the City of Arlington is one of thirteen cities who has joined to take part in this program. The Alliance for Housing Affordability will create a "housing profile" for the City that will include: baseline information, process our local statistical data, provide technical expertise, provide education and outreach.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2015 Comprehensive Plan Update: Discussion and review of preliminary drafts for Chapter 5 (Description of the Planning Area), Chapter 6 (Housing) and Chapter 7 (Land Use Element).

Associate Planner Troy Davis presented the rough drafts of Chapters 5-7 of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan provided by Shockey Planning Group.

Chapter 5 – Description of the Planning Area. Each of the individual subareas was discussed, with minor corrections throughout. The majority of the maps showing these areas need to be updated to reflect the correct area and names.

Chapter 6 – Housing. Some grammatical changes need to be made throughout the chapter. There was discussion about incentives for building affordable housing, mitigation relief, tax incentives and inclusive zoning. There is a push for employment through the Manufacturing/Industrial Center and for affordable housing within the City.

Chapter 7 – Land Use Element. Discussed the different land use designations throughout the city, which include Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Miscellaneous / Overlay District Designations. Numbers for some of the population and buildable lands still need to be filled in (pages 10-14) before the draft will be complete. Subareas are incomplete and need to be added under section 7.6.

Mr. Davis finished up with a timeline for having a complete rough draft of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan by the end of March. This will allow for certification by PRSC and review by the Department of Commerce in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.



Bruce Angell, Commission Chair



Amy Rusko, Commission Secretary